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Attachment 1: Council report and resolutions

Council Report: Planning and Environment Committee No. 4 - 12 June 2012

4. Bega Valley Local Environmental Plan 2012

In accordance with the Council resolution of 22 May 2012 staff have assessed both the written and oral presentations to the Council meeting regarding the Draft Comprehensive Local Environmental Plan 2010 (Draft CLEP). The staff summary is included as Appendix 7 of this report.

The report recommends amendment to the Draft CLEP and adoption of the plan. Further that the amended plan be forwarded to the Director-General requesting that the "plan be made" by the Minister for Planning.

Group Manager, Planning and Environment

Background

Council at its meeting held on 22 May 2012 gave consideration to a report on the Bega Valley Local Environmental Plan 2010 with the following staff recommendation:

"That, in regards to the draft Comprehensive Local Environmental Plan, Council resolves to:

1. Adopt the recommendations for the submissions outlined in:
 - Appendix 1 - support (or partial support) for the submission request, with only minor changes required to the exhibited draft Comprehensive Local Environmental Plan;
 - Appendix 2 - support (or partial support) for the submission request however, due to the nature of changes proposed, a "planning proposal" is to be prepared by Council and a "gateway determination" by the Minister for Planning is required prior to re-exhibition;
 - Appendix 3 - further research to be carried out by Council staff prior to progressing via a future report to Council; and
 - Appendix 4 - no agreement with the submission request, or the submission to be noted with no need for further action at this time – therefore proceed with the draft Comprehensive Local Environmental Plan as exhibited.
2. Amend the draft Comprehensive Local Environmental Plan in accordance with the recommendations in Appendix 1, the reclassification of various parcels of Council land in accordance with the report of the public hearing in Appendix 5, and the revised written instrument in Appendix 6.
3. Incorporate lot averaging into the draft Comprehensive Local Environmental Plan for land zoned R5 Large Lot Residential, E3 Environmental Management and E4 Environmental Living.
4. Adopt the amended draft Comprehensive Local Environmental Plan as per points 2 and 3 above, and forward the plan to the Director-General of NSW Planning & Infrastructure in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 requesting that "the plan be made" by the Minister for Planning.
5. Proceed with a "planning proposal" and, if agreed by the Minister for Planning, re-exhibit those properties in accordance with the adopted recommendations of agreed submissions contained within Appendix 2. In the interim the subject land be "deferred", *thereby retaining its current zoning and status under Bega Valley Local Environmental Plan 2002.*
6. Defer a decision on the submissions in Appendix 3 until strategic investigations are completed and reported back to Council. In the interim the subject land be "deferred", thereby retaining its current zoning and status under Bega Valley Local Environmental Plan 2002.
7. Undertake further investigations into potential industrial sites in the Bega District for the longer term, noting that the draft Comprehensive Local Environmental Plan has already identified additional industrial land for the short to medium term in Bega (South) and Kalaru.
8. Note that the draft Comprehensive Development Control Plan requires further investigation and refinement, incorporating appropriate changes emanating from submissions.
9. Advise all those persons who have made submissions of the above."

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice the report was deferred for a further report due to addresses.

WHAT DOES THE PLAN SEEK TO ACHIEVE?

- The majority of the Shire has simply been changed to the closest comparable zone available in the standard State wide template. This means that the majority of land owners wanting to develop or improve their properties will not be affected by the draft plan.
- Where there are changes proposed, the focus is on improving opportunities for economic development and jobs in the Bega Valley town centres, through the expansion of business, mixed use and industrial zones.
- Protection of productive agricultural land through the use of RU1 Primary Production and RU2 Rural Landscape zones.
- Establishment of allotment sizes through a "Lot Size Map", thus determining subdivision and dwelling entitlements.
- Recognition of environmentally sensitive land through the use of E3 Environmental Management and E4 Environmental Living zones.
- Protection of sensitive foreshore areas and bushland public reserves through the use of E2 Environmental Conservation zone.

Addresses to Council

There were a total of 22 individual addresses to Council while Mr C Maxted of Caddey Searl & Jarman addressed on behalf of 17 client submissions as well as matters raised by Caddey Searl and Jarman relating to subdivision clauses, lot sizing and height controls. In addition 11 written addresses were received.

The issues raised in all the addresses have been reviewed by Council staff including site meetings where appropriate.

As a result of this review, the staff recommendations for 21 of the submissions subject to addresses have been revised from that which was previously recommended to the Council on 22 May 2012.

Appendix 7 to this report is the staff summary of the addresses.

Appendix 1, 2, 3 and 4 attached to this report have been updated in accordance with the staff position included in Appendix 7.

Link to Planning & Environment Report 5 - 22 May 2012

Advice from the Department of Planning

Council on 28 February 2012 gave consideration to a staff report on the draft CLEP and as part of the resolution resolved the following:

- "1. That to progress the Comprehensive Local Environmental Plan:
- Council staff work with the Department of Planning on the proposed amendments to the exhibited CLEP that would be considered minor and not warrant further exhibition.
 - Staff report to Council on those proposed amendments that are deemed not to require further exhibition.
 - The mapping to the CLEP be amended in accordance with that subsequent Council resolution.

Council has now received a solid overall endorsement of its approach to the finalisation of the CLEP as per the response of 31 May 2012 from the Regional Director, Department of Planning (see Appendix 8).

The Department has raised two main issues for consideration which relate to Littleton Gardens and to land owned by Bermagui Country Club.

In response, the following action is proposed by staff:

1. Further justification to be provided regarding Council's intended RE1 Public Recreation zoning of Littleton Gardens.
2. The E3 zone at the Bermagui Country Club be amended to E2 in accordance with the advice.

HEIGHT CONTROLS IN MERIMBULA, BEGA AND EDEN TOWN CENTRES

Staff have reviewed the height controls in Merimbula Town Centre in consideration of a number of submissions and workshop discussions with local professionals and Councillors. For the sake of consistency across the Shire reviews are now being undertaken for Bega and Eden Town Centres.

The matter is expected to be reported to Council in July and that any proposed changes will be treated as per Appendix 2.

Planning comment

The preparation of the draft CLEP has been a lengthy and extensive process for not only Councillors and staff, but the community as a whole. The process has included the 12 weeks of exhibition, including public information sessions, and a series of workshops with Councillors over the past 9 months since the completion of the exhibition period.

Further, Council staff have held a number of meetings with officers of the Department of Planning regarding all aspects of both the written instrument and the maps. Officers of the Department have also met with Councillors on several occasions over the last 6-7 years. These meetings clarified many issues and led to the inclusion of rural worker's dwellings becoming permissible with consent in the rural zones as part of the draft CLEP.

All public submissions and addresses, as well as Government agency submission and staff recommended changes, have been considered by Councillors at workshops.

Staff are of the opinion that Council is now in a position to resolve on the submissions and addresses received.

It is proposed that Appendix 1 be adopted by Council and that the draft CLEP be amended accordingly, including the mapping, and referred to the Department of Planning requesting that "the plan be made" by the Minister for Planning.

Appendix 2 and 3 represent submissions that are agreed to and require re-exhibition or submissions that require further investigation prior to resolution by Council. In the interim, it is proposed that the subject land be "deferred" thus retaining all the existing zonings and other provisions contained in the BVLEP 2002.

Staff are of the opinion that this pathway would finalise the CLEP process for the vast majority of landholders in the Shire and give surety and confidence in the planning process and strategic direction for the Shire.

Also, those persons who made submissions that are deferred would have the confidence that there would be no change to the current status of their land under BVLEP 2002 until their submission is re-exhibited or further investigated and finally resolved by Council.

The remaining submissions are proposed to be noted and/or not to be supported at this time.

Notwithstanding extensive workshopping of all the submissions with Councillors, it is open for any submission to be debated by Council at the meeting.

It should be noted that recommendation 7 to this report refers to investigations being undertaken into Industrial Land for the Shire as a whole, not the Bega District as recommended in the report to Council on 22 May 2102. This recommendation now accurately reflects Council's previously resolved position of 28 February 2012.

Conclusion

The draft CLEP has been prepared and exhibited in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (the Act) and all submissions are now placed formally before Council for determination. A public hearing has been held in relation to the reclassification of Council owned land.

It is proposed that the draft CLEP be amended as per the recommendations of this report and referred to the NSW Department of Planning in accordance with the Act, requesting that “the plan be made” by the Minister.

Recommendation

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